



What state laws direct WSDOT's public transportation programs?

RCW 35.58.2795 requires local public transportation systems prepare and submit annually a six-year transit development plan to the Department. These plans are reviewed for consistency with the state transportation policy plan and used by the Department as a basis for reporting data and needs to the public and the Legislature.

RCW 35.58.2796 requires the Department to develop an annual report summarizing the performance of public transportation systems in the state. The report is submitted to the Legislative Transportation Committee by September 1st of each year.

RCW 36.57A.070 requires that public transportation benefit authorities submit an initial comprehensive plan to the Department for review and the Transportation Commission approval prior to the certification of the state Treasurer for the release of state funds.

RCW 47.01.071 directs the Department to provide for the administration of grants and aid, and other financial assistance to counties, and municipal corporations (transit authorities) for transportation purposes.

RCW 47.04.081 authorizes the Department to engage in planning, developing and establishing public transportation systems.

RCW 47.04.170 The Legislature and the Governor designate the Department as the responsible agency to enter into agreements with the federal government to support transit, specialized transportation and ridesharing programs.

RCW 47.06 defines the role of planning for the department and calls for a state transportation policy plan and a statewide multimodal transportation plan that shall include both state-owned and state-interest components. **RCW 47.06.110** outlines the requirements for a public transportation plan.

RCW 47.06B directs the Department to provide staff support to the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation. The Council is responsible for improving the coordination of transportation services provided to persons with special needs.

RCW 47.80.01 recognizes that public transit systems, transportation demand management and the development of high capacity transit systems can effectively address mobility needs. Such investments enhance economic development and address clean air policies.